

Adrian Roy PEPPER, *et al.*  
Serial No. 10/564,782  
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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Suitable heading and sub-headings have been inserted throughout the specification as requested by the Examiner.

The allowance of claims 22 and 23 and the finding of allowable subject matter at dependent claims 2 and 3 is appreciatively noted. The above amendment amends claim 1 so as to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 2 and also amends dependent claim 3 into self-standing independent format. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 22 and 23 are now all assumed to be in allowable condition.

The rejection of claims 1, 4-21 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Chong '672 is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4-12 now depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 1, thus mooting these grounds of rejection for those claims.

Claims 13-21 and 24-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus also mooting those outstanding grounds for rejection.

The Examiner's attention is directed to new dependent claims 28-36 which will be seen to correspond to dependent claims 4-12, except that they now depend from allowed claim 3 directly or indirectly.

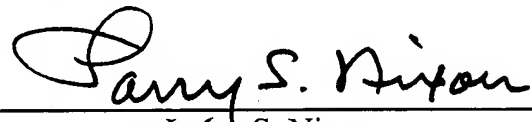
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The Examiner's attention is also directed to new independent method claims 37 and 38 which will be seen to correspond respectively to allowed apparatus claims 1 and 3.

Accordingly, there being no other outstanding issue, it is believed that this entire application is now in condition for allowance, and a formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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